

**DECISION RECORD
and
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

I. Decision:

It is my decision to authorize the proposed Cache Creek Solid Mine Waste Disposal to be conducted by the State of Alaska, on the Federal abandoned Sunshine #1 and Sunshine #2 mining claims, as outlined in Alternative # 1 in the attached EA. The State will subcontract with local miners to construct an onsite ADEC permitted solid waste landfill. The solid waste is associated with abandoned mine workings on Upper Cache Creek, Section 2, T. 28 N., R. 9 W., Seward Meridian.

II. Rationale for the Decision:

From 1984 through 1987 placer mining was conducted under a 3809 notice. The mine operators failed to reclaim the site as required, despite several requests by the BLM. In 2000, the BLM removed and disposed of numerous batteries and drums of waste engine oil on the property. While the lands have been selected for conveyance to the State of Alaska, the State has refused to take conveyance of the lands because of the remaining solid waste. The subject mine waste has been identified as presenting a hazard to the environment and an impediment to the conveyance of the lands to the State. Alternative #1 would remove that hazard to the environment and allow for conveyance of the lands to the State. The State has indicated that they will place the subject lands on the priority list for conveyance after the mine waste is removed.

Alternative #1 will not result in any undue or unnecessary degradation, and it is in compliance with the Southcentral Planning Area MFP which was signed in March 1980.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

The decision will not significantly restrict subsistence uses, decrease the abundance of subsistence resources, alter the distribution of subsistence resources, or limit subsistence user access from currently existing conditions. No further analysis is necessary at this time.

V. Adverse Energy Impact Compliance:

This action has been analyzed as required by Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2002-053 to determine if it will cause an adverse impact on energy development. The action will not have an adverse direct or indirect impact on energy development, production or distribution. The preparation of a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required.

VI. Compliance and Monitoring:

The State of Alaska will monitor the site for five years under the terms established in the ADEC issued solid waste disposal permit.

/s/ June Bailey
Anchorage Field Manager

09-16-03
Date